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Thanks

.. to Max and Xanthe for baking a lovely Zucchini cake for the staff using zucchini from the School Garden.

.. to Maria for her awesome scones for staff morning tea

.. to Sophie, Michaela, Tyler, Mitchell and Isaac for helping with the Junior Display at Swimming Sports Day.

.. to Jennie Clarke for overseeing the sausage sizzle at Swimming Sports.

People of the week

.. Laura who participated in Northland's Rising Stars Swim Carnival and received a silver medal in breaststroke, came 4th in backstroke and 7th overall in freestyle.

.. Those kids who took part in this weeks middle and senior duathlon - results to follow.

.. Congratulations to Paul on being selected for the Northland U14 Cricket Development team to play in Auckland on Sunday.

.. All the best to the Agri Kids NZ teams competing at NZ Young Farmers competition this weekend (and to James Donaldson, Mrs Donaldson's husband who is also competing).

Skate Days

On the Fridays of Week 7 and 8 and the Thursday of Week 9 there will be a Skate Day between 12.45pm - 1.30. No bikes are allowed, however, you are allowed skateboards, scooters, ripsticks, pogo sticks and rollerblades. Week 7 and 9 is for middle and senior schools. Week 8 is for junior and senior schools. All equipment will be stored in the hall until lunchtime.

Safety gear must be worn at ALL TIMES!!! (covered shoes, helmets etc).

Senior Rock Wall Day

A reminder that year 7 and 8 students head to Genesis Stadium on Tuesday 23 March (leaving school 9:00 and returning by 3:00). Would be great to have offers of parent support for this day. Offers and questions in the build up to Mr D please.



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School Swimming Sports

Thank you to all of those children who swam their hearts out and supported their peers at this week's school swimming sports. We are pleased to advise championship placings as follows. A special congratulations to all of these children. Cups will be awarded at our end of year prize given to overall champions.

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Junior Boys	Caleb	Johnathan	Jordan
Junior Girls	Michelle	Xanthe	Georgia
Intermediate Boys	Max	Jamahl	Liam
Intermediate Girls	Laura	Shannon	Emily & Kayleigh
Senior Boys	Brady	William	Campbell
Senior Girls	Sophie	Emily	Monika

**Thanks to Michelle Blagrove (Maggie Dixons) -
Sponsors of this year's Swimming Sports.**

Middle & Senior Duathlon

Well done to those children who participated in the individuals event, which took place on Thursday with the following placings:

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Intermediate Boys	Max	Ezra		
Intermediate Girls	Jemimah			
Senior Boys	William	Edward	Euan	Brady
Senior Girls	Tyler	Sophie	Eleanor	Monika

Interschool Swimming Championships

Parents of children who have qualified for the above events (based on their performance at the Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School) will have been advised. These events take place as follows..

Year 4 - 6 Championship - Tuesday 16 March at Whangarei Intermediate School (not Whangarei Primary as mentioned in last week's newsletter)

Year 7 & 8 Championship - Wednesday 17 March at Whangarei Intermediate School

Questions please to Mr D.

Year 4-6 Summer Sports Tournament - 24 March

Year 4 to 6 children will bring consent forms home shortly for return asap please. Children will travel by bus, leaving school shortly after 9:00 and returning by 3:00. Offers of parent support always appreciated. Questions please to Mrs Burgin.

Cricket Match with Huanui College

We are currently organising a cricket match with Huanui College (possibly next week). Parents of children selected for this match should receive a letter next week. Questions please to Mr D. Should be a great match.

Northland Schools' Triathlon

Coming up Tuesday 16 March. Good luck to our 5 participants in this event to be held at Marsden Cove. Results will follow.

Scholastic Book Order Forms

Forms were issued earlier this week. Orders and money are due back at the office by Friday 19th March. As a result of your purchases, our school receives points towards free books which we use as classroom resources or new books for the library. Many thanks for your support.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

A letter calling for expressions of interest in the above competitions was sent home two week's back to those children who participated in earlier competitions and to those who expressed interest. We are extending the due date for these to Friday 26 March.

International Schools Science Competition

In the past, for reasons of manageability, we have limited ourselves to the Maths and English Competitions - we do far more than most schools to prepare and support candidates (most schools simply enrol students and then supervise the exam). This year we have decided to open the science competition to interested students, but on the understanding that parents would be responsible for all the preparation (although we would help with tricky questions), including test technique, monitoring of progress, purchasing their own practice papers (we have none at school and these are quite expensive) and so forth. Interested children took consent forms home earlier this week. If you did not receive a form and would like your child involved in the science competition (and you are happy to pick up the extra workload) please contact the school office for a consent form. Cut off 26 March.

Reminder - ASB School Banking

Please remind your children to ensure they drop their banking into the elephant in the Reception area as this is cleared weekly.

Bible in Schools programme

If you are able to dedicate 30 minutes or so on a Monday morning to join the Bible in Schools teaching team please contact Carina Wykes on 435 0911. Carina is just a couple of teachers short and so please give her a call if you able to join her team. This programme may not proceed without further offers of help.

PTA Meeting

Please note this meeting will now be held on Monday 22 March (not Monday 15 as previously mentioned) at 7.00pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

Just 3 more weeks to go! - Easter Holiday Programme

The Skids After School Care team are eager to plan an Easter Holiday Program. They are able to provide daily supervision of your children during the two week Easter school break. From 8am - 6pm daily starting Tuesday 6th April through until Friday 16th. The program will be based in the school hall and will include a day trip out to Serendipity Farm Park. There will be plenty of activities happening too, including Scavenger Hunts, Easter colouring in competitions, fancy dress, arts and crafts and plenty of games etc. All you need to do is send your child off each day to the school hall with a packed morning tea and lunch, Skids will provide the PM tea. Please note, this will only be able to go ahead if there is a large enough number of children. Contact Marcelle matarau@skids.co.nz 027 846 1724, pop into the hall after school, or alternatively leave your number at the school office and Marcelle will contact you. Remember there are huge WINZ subsidies that you might qualify for, check the parent's notice board in the playground.

Community Notices

Cleaning - 1 space available, reasonable rates. Ph Pamela 433 5032

For Rent - 4 bdrm home, garage/workshop, large section, on Matarau bus route (at gate). Pets by arrangement. Ph 433 5954 or 027 773 5199

Wanted - 4 bdrm house wanted for rent. Close to Matarau School. References available. Ph 09 4338488 or 02102756490

For Sale - York Fitness Treadmill. \$1,000. Ph 433 5885

For Sale - Quality Firewood. Ph Neroli 433 8185.

Board Election

The closing date for nominations is 23 April and polling day is 7 May. If interested in serving on our board and wanting to discuss with someone please contact Kevin, an existing Board Member or Donna Cates (our returning officer).

Please note that both parents of an enrolled child are entitled to vote in a board election - even in the event that those parents have separated. To see if our electoral roll contains all of the necessary details (including addresses) please phone Donna Cates at school.

Nominees for board

We are now calling for nominees. **Nomination Forms were posted early this weekend are to be completed and return to school, preferably by 19 March** (although the official closing date for nominations remains 23 April). This earlier date enables us to get some biographical details distributed to parents.

It is important that we continue the legacy of high quality governance that is a hallmark of previous boards and so please give careful thought to who you would like to represent you (and your children) on the board.

Issues of dispute between children

From time to time children become involved in disputes with other children. This is a natural, in fact necessary, part of growing up. When this happens it is very important that you ask your child to see a staff member (or you can give us a quiet phone call) - especially where you suspect they may not have the resources / resilience to handle this matter themselves. Schools have the advantage of greater objectivity, a more ready access to the facts, and the ability to monitor situations moving forward. **On rare occasions we have had situations where a parent has confronted another person's child to try to sort an issue that has happened to their child at school.** This should not happen. It is essential that parents refrain from dealing with other people's children. It is the responsibility of the school to investigate matters involving children at school and all such matters must be referred to your child's teacher or to me personally. We will take it from there.

Final thought

This year we are making some significant efforts to provide lunchtime sporting opportunities for students. A teacher has been released from other duties in order to facilitate this. Please encourage your children to take advantage of these opportunities. Well done to those students who took part in this week's duathlon.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Trail Bike Ride

A meeting will be held at school on **Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm** for those who can help with the Trail Bike Ride. This is one of the schools major fundraisers so help is very much appreciated.

Trail Bike - Raffle

Raffle tickets have been issued to all families who did not indicate they did not want to receive them. If you require more tickets, please contact the office. Money should also be returned to the office.

